

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Psychology
2. Course Number: PSY 241
3. Course Title: Drugs, Society, and Human Behavior
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

The course examines the impact of substance use and abuse on the individual and on society. In addition the course provides a balanced account of all the aspects of this subject, interpreting its complex nature. Prerequisite: PSY 101. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

To provide students with an overview of current drugs of choice, factors contributing to their use and abuse, and their impact on Society. Present to the student current theories and research relating to drug use; explores prevention, intervention, and treatment; and examines public policies concerning drug related issues.

C. Course Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe significant historical developments contributing to our current problems with drugs.
2. Describe the pharmacological bases of drug actions.
3. Identify alternatives to drug use.
4. Discuss theoretical perspectives of abuse and addiction.
5. Critically analyze the drug/alcohol literature and assess its relevance.
6. Discuss the present and future implications fo drug and alcohol policies and the efficacy of treatment.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Students will:

1. Demonstrate attainment of course outcomes through a variety of assessment techniques, including written exams and writing assignments.

D. Course Content:

Will include:

1. Drug use overview
2. Drug use as a social problem
3. Drug regulations
4. Physiological response
6. Types of drugs
7. Drug education and prevention
8. Substance abuse treatment
9. Social aspects

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